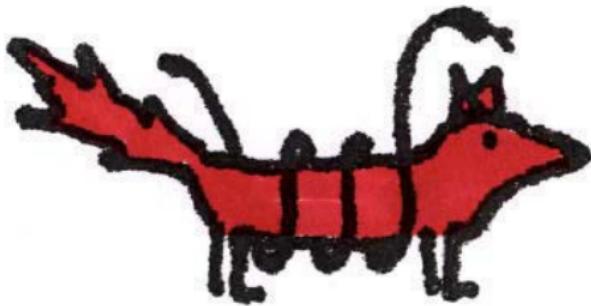


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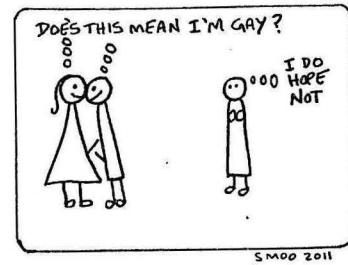
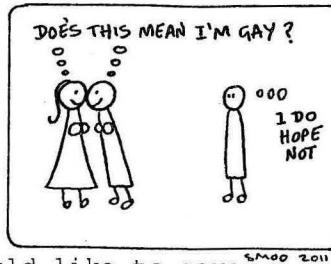


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— BiQueer zine —



We may call ourselves bi, pansexual, queer, unlabelled, fluid, or refuse to call ourselves anything based on romantic or sexual attraction. The reason why we gather under the flag of bisexuality is not that we want to promote a binary view of gender, are split between two separate realities, or need to maintain two relationships at any given time, but simply that it is the most commonly used word and thus allows us to find each other, regardless of how inadequate its etymology may be. We come from the margin, from the fringe of other groups and communities, and our strength is that we gather at their centre, where their different interests may either clash or merge. As individuals we are about as contrasted as it gets. We often travel uncharted territory and when we meet other bis we see that even though our experiences are extremely varied they still converge on many points.



To our LGTIQ friends I would like to say:

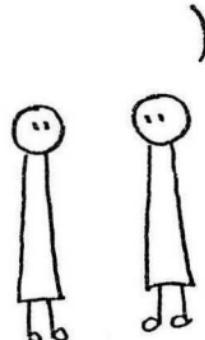
Do not call us allies. We are full members of the community. I have often heard bis themselves say that we are not political, that there is no particular cause to rally us. I believe that we represent a whole range of situations that require political change. Bis can be queer, genderqueer or transgendered, we often are in the same-sex couples that demand equality, may indeed be romantically involved with gay, lesbian and/or transgendered partners, may well dedicate ourselves to gay parenting, and most importantly we have been fighting for LGTIQ rights within the community since the beginning. I want to stress that bisexuality is situated at the intersection of all of these - as well as other - groups, and yet it has its own particular issues to address, too, as the Bisexual

Manifesto you'll find in this zine (first published anonymously in Getting Bi before being translated into Hebrew and retranslated into English by Shiri Eisner) clearly shows. Biphobia can be found within straight and LGTIQ communities, and it prevents many bis from finding acceptance, except perhaps in the very few places where a bi group can be found.

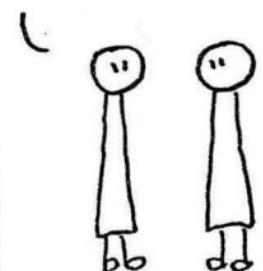
To my bi friends I would like to say: Think about ways in which we can create a safe environment for our community. This requires that we educate ourselves and show an awareness of LGTIQ-related issues. Bis tend to be very welcoming of others and manifest an explicit desire to be inclusive, and yet we sometimes downplay or misinterpret the problems and inequalities experienced by other minority groups when we overlook race, class, gender, and the social dynamics they produce. With this zine I would like to explore the intersection of bi with other queer communities. I hope to show that bis are involved in a large variety of contexts and investigate how they negotiate acceptance and belonging in alternative communities.

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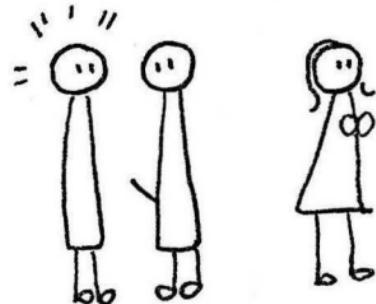
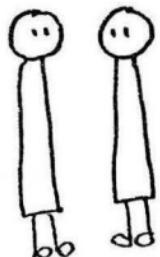
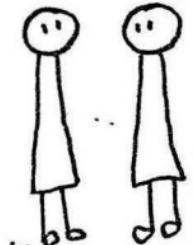
I'M BISEXUAL



YOU'RE JUST IN DENIAL.
ADMIT IT. YOU'RE GAY.

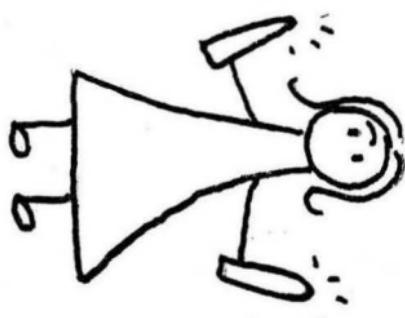


YEAH, OK, YOU'RE
RIGHT. I'M GAY.



• BECAUSE we are not real AND our orientation is only a phase AND we'll just leave for a member of another sex any day AND our way of living is only a sign of confusion AND when we haven't changed in 5 or 10 or 20 or 50 years we are still just confused AND when we're in a different-sex relationship then we are holding on to "straight privilege" AND when we're in a same-sex relationship then we've finally "come all the way out" AND when we're in a different-sex relationship we're really just straight AND when we're in a same-sex relationship then we're really gay or lesbian AND when we dare suggesting that we have our own identity we are traitors of the community AND if we identify as bisexual we think there are only two genders AND when we identify as pansexual then we're too academic AND when we don't self-define we're invisible AND because every historical figure or celebrity who has ever had a same-sex relationship was really gay or lesbian... AND when we're monogamous then we're not really bisexual AND when we're polyamorous then we're reinforcing stereotypes AND because we want to fuck anything that moves AND because it's ok to sexually harass us and we're not allowed to choose or refuse or reject it AND because it's ok to ask us invasive questions about our sex lives AND because every fuck up about our relationships is attributed to our bisexuality AND because we see personal ads that say "no bisexuals" AND for lots and lots of other reasons, WE ARE PART OF THE ...

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